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GIRL HIGHWAYMAN A FAMILY'S SUPPLY

Little Mathilda Eisner Has Been for Two Years a Professional Thief.

Small Children Have Been Her Victims, and She Herself Is Only Twelve Years Old.

While Under Arrest She Still Prays That Her Papa and Mama May Not Be Harmed.

THEY ADMIT SHE IS A THIEF.

Though They Profess Ignorance of Her Thieving, the Police Say She Has Maintained Them and a Sister in Comfort.

In the Shelter of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, on Schermerhorn street, Brooklyn, is half-starved little Mathilda Eisner, who for the past two years has been supporting her parents and a sister and brother by robbing playmates and beggars.

At 94 94 Bremen street, Brooklyn, are the father and mother. Their condition is in marked contrast to the famished con-

GIGANTIC STEEL TRUST.

The Pool Is to Be Formed in This City Today with a Capital of \$450,000,000.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 1.—A meeting to complete the details of the organization of the Steel Manufacturers' Trust will be held in New York to-morrow. It was stated that after being organized in this country it will be extended to include all the big steel plants of Europe. The scheme is to get the American manufacturers together first, and then force the European steel kings to come in. The aggregate capital of the pool is to be about \$450,000,000.

The plan of operation provides for an allotment of tonnage output to each firm in the pool, based on its output capacity. Each firm agrees to pay the difference between the cost of production and the fixed price, as it may be agreed upon from time to time, into the pool treasury, and from this fund a dividend is to be paid to all members of the pool each month, according to their tonnage allotment, whether their mills are shut down or operated. In addition a penalty for all production in excess of the allotment is provided for.

The concerns said to be in the pool are: The Carnegie Steel Company, Hainesworth Steel Company, Jones & Laughlin, Shoenberger & Co., of Pittsburg; Illinois Steel Company, Chicago; Cambria Iron Company, Johnstown; Bethlehem Iron Company, Bethlehem; Lackawanna Iron & Steel Com-

CRIPPLED BEGGAR KIDNAPS A CHILD.

Hobbling on Crutches, McCarthy Manages to Get Little Ethel Aboard a Car.

Tells Her He Is Her Rich Uncle, and Gives Her His Begging Cards to Distribute.

SMALL BOYS COME TO THE RESCUE.

They Tell an Older Youth, Who Boards the Cable Car, While One of Them Chases After It Till He Meets a Policeman.

A daring attempt to kidnap a seven-year-old girl was made by a crippled beggar at Eightieth street and Third avenue yesterday afternoon. The kidnapper is James McCarthy, twenty-three years old, who says he has lived for the last three weeks in a lodging house at No. 138 Park row. Some years ago, while acting as brakeman on the Lehigh Valley Railroad, he was crushed between two cars and as a result of his injuries his right leg was amputated above the knee and his left foot was cut off. As a consequence he hobbles with difficulty on two crutches.

He has been a beggar since he was injured, and he usually carries with him a few lead pencils and cards on which are printed a poem entitled "A Brakeman's Appeal." He usually has another man with

ONE KILLED AND THREE INJURED.

A Heavy Steel Truss Fell from the Roof of a New Dance Hall at Union Hill.

Dennis McGrath of West Hoboken Was Beneath and His Life Was Crushed Out.

WENTZ SAVED HIMSELF BY A LEAP.

A Number of Other Workmen Who Went Down in the Crash Were Badly Hurt and Had to Be Removed to a Hospital.

One man was killed and three injured last night at the new pavilion being erected at the Union Hill Schutzen Park, at Union Hill, N. J. The dead man is Dennis McGrath, twenty-one years old, unmarried, of No. 419 Spring street, West Hoboken. The injured are August Nelson, of No. 81 Spring street, West Hoboken; Emil Karsten, of East Seventy-eighth street, New York City, and Ernest Franklin, of Hackensack Plank road and New Boulevard, West Hoboken.

Karsten may die. Two ribs and his right wrist are broken and his skull fractured. The men were crushed beneath a steel truss, which fell forty feet to the ground. The fall was caused by the breaking of a guy rope of the derrick on which the truss was being hoisted to its place.

About four months ago the big pavilion at the park was totally destroyed by fire. The former owners sold the park to a Hoboken man, who, in turn, leased it to Lastman & Hoenken for a number of years. The owners agreed to build a large pavilion for dancing, and the work is now under way. The floor of the pavilion is two hundred and fifty feet square. The roof will be forty feet above the floor. To support the roof steel trusses are used in series of five. Each truss is seventy-five feet long and weighs four tons.

The work on the lower portion of the new structure had progressed so far yesterday that the work of hoisting the first truss into place was commenced. The pavilion must be finished in three weeks, so, although it was almost 6 o'clock, it was decided to place the truss in position last night.

The derrick was made ready and the first truss secured. Karsten and Phillip Wentz stood upon the truss as it went up. All went well until the truss lacked but five inches of being at the proper height. Just as the power was applied to raise the truss the remaining distance there was a snap and the truss fell. There were thirty-five workmen on the ground close to where the truss fell.

Karsten went down with the truss. Wentz leaped from it and caught a rope and clung on. He descended hand over hand to the ground unhurt. McGrath was caught beneath the falling mass and his life was crushed out. Nelson was struck by a corner of the truss. Karsten fell clear of the truss, but sustained a broken arm and internal injuries from the fall. Franklin was hurt about the head and body.

Several others received slight cuts and bruises from pieces of wood which flew about when the truss fell.

The uninjured workmen summoned an ambulance from Christ Hospital in Jersey City, and also the doctors within call. The injuries of the men were attended to on the ground as much as possible and then Karsten, Franklin and Nelson were taken to Christ Hospital. Undertaker Schienn took charge of the body of McGrath on an order from Coroner Volk, who will hold an inquest to ascertain the cause of the accident.

PLEADS AGAINST HIS FATHER AND MOTHER.

Jacob Elpeirn, Sixteen Years Old, Defends Himself in a Police Court.

He Is Ambitious to Be a Lawyer, and Eloquently Reads His First Argument.

THE OLD FOLK THINK HE'S CRAZY.

Edward Lauterbach, He Says, Promised to Train Him, but Because He Did Not Earn Enough Money His Parents Abused Him.

Jacob Elpeirn, a lad who has just turned sixteen, of No. 9 Rutgers place, was presented for trial in the Essex Market Court, yesterday, upon a charge preferred by his father, Samuel, formerly a merchant, but now a prosperous pedler. The boy was charged with threatening to kill his mother, and of actual assault in the presence of his father and eight brothers and sisters, shortly before 10 o'clock Tuesday night.

According to the statement made by his parents, their son has always been highly thought of at school, and always commended for his brightness by those who knew him. They say that in July last he suddenly developed a streak of obstinacy and violence which had never been noticed before.

They declare he has manufactured miniature bombs and other engines of destruction, and kept them in a constant state of anxiety for fear that he would actually put into practice some of his terrible threats.

When Jacob was brought into court yesterday he was the embodiment of calmness. His manner was so quiet and dignified that when he arose and addressed Magistrate Cornell every eye in the room was directed toward him. He drew a roll of paper from his pocket, and, in a deliberate and earnest manner, read from it in clear and distinct tones, that were plainly heard in all parts of the room.

He informed the Magistrate that his highest ambition in life had been to become a lawyer, to attain which end he was directing all of his energies. He said he had studied law books, and in a perfunctory self-possessed manner related to the Magistrate that he had prepared a brief to cover the facts in his case. This brief read as follows:

HIS FIRST BRIEF.
My father has preferred a charge against me, and he further wants that Your Honor should put me away to some institution. As a matter of fact, there are two sides to a story. My side of the story is this: I graduated from Grammar School No. 2, having graduated last year from the commercial course, and I received my diploma, and I have attended the evening high school for the last three years, and I passed the required subjects for a law student. It was my intention, Your Honor, to study law, but as I was not able to get a college education, I resolved to work in a law office, thereby gaining some knowledge of the profession, which I intended to practice, and when I had money enough to enter the University Law School, I tried to find work in a law office, and Messrs. Meyer, Isaacs and Edward Lauterbach promised to take me in their employ when a vacancy should occur.

I have always worked since I graduated, as errand boy, wagon boy, working from early in the morning and sometimes up to 10 o'clock at night, always working at whatever I could get in order to relieve the family of distress.

Now, the reason for my making this complaint against me is because I lost my place, as the business is very dull, so I told my parents that now I would like to work in a law office

COMMANDER TUCKER NOW AT THE HELM.

A Hearty Greeting Extended Him on His Arrival in New York.

General Booth, He Says, Will Visit America to Win Ballington Back Into the Fold.

CHANGES IN THE NATIONAL STAFF.

Commissioner Expresses Great Surprise When He Hears of Ballington's Cables to London, Which Were to Be Forwarded to His Father.

Frederick St. George de Laun Tour Tucker, who, since his marriage to the daughter of General Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, has been known as Booth-Tucker, arrived yesterday on the White Star steamer Majestic. He comes to the command of the American branch of the Salvation Army. A large delegation of staff officers from the national headquarters of the Army, including Field Commissioner Eva Booth and Mrs. Booth-Tucker, were at the pier and extended a hearty welcome.

The most important piece of news the new commissioner brought over was that General William Booth will visit this country shortly and endeavor by personal influence to have his son, Ballington Booth, return and work under the Salvation Army banner. He said he thought that General Booth was fully informed of the details of the difficulties which led to his son leaving the Army and that he would use all the influence he possessed to effect his return.

"I love Ballington Booth tremendously," he said, "and will certainly make an attempt to see him. I do not wish to interfere with any arrangements my wife has made in this direction, for she is a much better hand at such things than I am. I have no special instructions from the General on the subject. My lastest desire is of a general character. I have no doubt, I am sure, that Ballington will return to me. I certainly think he should have seen his sister, my wife."

He said the latter's objection to having witnesses present at the interview was natural, because when one person appeals to the heart of another the presence of a third party is not pleasant and has a tendency to prevent both from having a "jolly good cry" if they feel so inclined.

"I am very new here," he said, "but my policy toward the Volunteers will be one of hostility. My heart, my pockets and my luggage are full of messages of love, and I know that the General looks with great hope and expectations to the day when Ballington, who is his favorite son, will be one of us again. The news that he had left the Army was to him like a knife thrust."

Commissioner Booth-Tucker was with the General in India when Commander Booth's difficulty occurred. He said that the General sent three cables to his son, but received no reply. He was informed that the replies were sent to London, to be forwarded to the General, and expressed his surprise. It was the first, he said, he knew of it.

"I wish you would say to the Amstater people," he said, "that I fully appreciate the honor of being sent here, and in I state my inefficiency to fill the post. I would have hesitated about accepting, were it not that my wife will be with me. Every scrap of brain, power, and what I possess I lay at America's feet, and I am not I hope America will unnerve me. As to the future of the Army here it is understood that stronger of India be sent to the establishment for both trial places and shelter homes for workmen and women. At the present time, in this direction amounts to little, new Commander also intimated that a number of changes may be made in the national staff.

Commissioner Booth-Tucker is a man who will probably become immensely popular here. He is very democratic, pleasing personality. He can ocean in the second cabin two Salvation Army meetings.

In appearance he is somewhat far Western man. He would reach his shoulder at the ends. His face both hands thrust in pockets and his head tilted back. He has a which impresses the city.

HORSE DRO
Accident to a Animal Blood

Bill, a big bay horse of the service of the cars, was trotting north on the car, to the third avenue, and about twelve feet directly in front of No. 162 East Thirty-fourth street, and almost disappeared from view. As the horse went down, he nearly dragged his companion and Steve Brodie, the driver of the car, with him. He landed on his haunches, and sat in that position for over an hour without even a sound of dissatisfaction.

A couple of stanchions, belonging to a brewery wagon, were placed in the hole, ropes fastened around the animal and then every one within the vicinity got a hold and pulled. Bill slid up to the very brink and then the rope broke and he slid back again.

A derrick was finally procured and erected, and after a brief quarrel between two policemen as to who should have the honor of turning the crank, the horse was lifted out. He was unharmed.

Traffic was blocked for nearly three hours.

Registered Mail Pouch Missing.
A registered mail pouch containing letters, the enclosures of unknown disappeared. The pouch was deposited at the post office at No. 12 Central last Saturday morning by Paul Ford, who said he had sent it to have some formalities and who is blameless by Superintendent Nagle, letter Division, who says that the



COMMANDER TUCKER WELCOMED TO AMERICA BY NATIONAL STAFF OFFICERS.

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Mathilda and Her Parents, for Whom She Became a Thief.

For two years this twelve-year-old girl has made a practice of enticing little children from their homes and robbing them of trinkets and money. She has also been a beggar. The police say she has by her thieving comfortably maintained her father and mother and a small sister. The parents profess ignorance of her thieving, but admit that she has begged. While yet a prisoner, she pleads that no harm shall come to them, but they are indifferent to her distress.

company, Pennsylvania Steel Company, Chesapeake Valley Steel Company, Maryland Steel Company, Ashland Steel Company, Cleveland Rolling Mill Company, the King, Gilbert & Warner Company, Ohio Steel Company, Otis Steel Company and the Union Steel Company.

Congressman "Tom" Johnson's company is not in the combination.

It is said that the meeting of the men interested in the proposed iron and steel pool will meet to-day at the Hotel Savoy. It is alleged that an agreement to increase the price of billets and rails is made necessary by the recent rise in the price of iron ores. It is not unlikely that a joint selling agency for the steel output may be decided upon.

RUNAWAY IN CENTRAL PARK.

Miss A. R. Jones's Canter Resulted in Injury to Her Tutor.

Professor Richard Donnelly, of the Central Park Riding Academy, took Miss A. R. Jones, a pupil, for a canter along the bridge path in Central Park yesterday. At Eighty-sixth street Miss Jones's horse got beyond her control. Donnelly made a grab for the bridle, but missed his aim, and was thrown heavily to the ground. His horse galloped on, the noise of his hoofs increasing the fright of the runaway.

Mounted Policeman Coyle, of the Park Squad, saw the accident and started in pursuit. At Ninety-sixth street, just as they were turning the reservoir corner, he managed to reach the reins of Miss Jones's mount, and the other horse was soon caught.

Professor Donnelly was considerably bruised, but not badly hurt. Miss Jones sustained no injury. Her hat and silver-mounted riding cane—a small blackthorn, with the initials in silver, "A. R. J."—which were lost during the excitement, were found later and are now at the Park Arsenal awaiting the owner.

HIT THE JAILER AND FLED.

Westchester Crook's Bold and Successful Break for Liberty.

Ell P. Carpenter, a colored tough of the village of Westchester, made a bold escape from the Westchester County Jail yesterday. Carpenter has been confined for some time awaiting trial on an indictment charging him with robbing the store of Paul Pincus in that village.

The prisoners are allowed out of their cells every morning at 7 o'clock to be fed. Nothing remained between the prisoners and liberty but the jail corridor and the fences in the rear of the jail. When Jailer Johnson's back was turned Carpenter made a rush at the jailer and knocked him down. When the jailer got up, Carpenter was gone. Carpenter stole the fence and disappeared.

An alarm was given and several deputies were sent through the village looking for Carpenter, but thus far no trace of him has been found.

him to help him on his travels.

Yesterday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock McCarthy and his companion posted themselves at the northeast corner of Eightieth street and Third avenue. Little Ethel Adece, the daughter of Henry C. Adece, who lives on the second floor of No. 1427 Third avenue, was playing on the sidewalk near by, when McCarthy accosted her, saying:

"Come here, my little girl, I am your uncle, and I have lots of money and I am going to buy you lots of candy and new dresses."

So saying, the cripple gave her several pennies. Finally he said to the child:

"I want you to go riding on a car with your uncle and help him give the good people on the car these cards, and they will give us a lot of money."

The child agreed to go with the cripple, who hailed a north-bound cable car, and, placing her on it, with difficulty got on board himself, his companion walking briskly down the avenue.

Arthur Carley, twelve years old, of No. 177 East Eighty-first street, and Edward Byrnes, thirteen years old, of No. 228 East Seventy-sixth street, saw the actions of the cripple, and called the attention of William Jacobs, who is nineteen years old and lives at No. 176 East Eighty-first street, to the circumstance. Jacobs ran for the car and got on board, after telling Byrnes to follow the car and tell the first policeman he met. When the car reached Eighty-ninth street and the boy was almost breathless, he met Policeman Frank Newman, of the East Eighty-eighth Street Station, to whom he told the case in a few brief words.

The officer boarded the car at Ninetieth street, and saw the cripple with one arm around the waist of the child. She offered the policeman one of the cripple's cards when he entered. The cripple and child were taken to the East Eighty-eighth Street Station and later to the Harlem Court, where the prisoner was arraigned before Magistrate Flammer. He was held for examination this morning. The child was taken home by her father.

JUST IN TIME FOR SHOWMEN.

Monkeys from Africa and Ostriches from the Upper Amazon.

The bark Liberia arrived here yesterday from Africa with a consignment of nearly one hundred monkeys. Included in the collection are baboons, diannas, galangs and monas, all consigned to animal dealers in this city.

A pair of South American monkeys, said to come from the upper Amazon, arrived yesterday by the British ship Greengate, from Brazil. They are said to be of their kind ever before.